

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative

## AGENDA

28-29 April 2014

Casa de América  
Madrid, Spain



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## About the OECD Water Governance Initiative

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The OECD Water Governance Initiative aims to:

- **Advise governments** in taking the needed steps for effective water governance reforms through policy dialogue across decision-makers at different levels;
- Provide a **technical platform** to discuss analytical work on water governance through peer-to-peer exchanges and knowledge sharing;
- Provide a **consultation mechanism** to raise the profile of governance issues in the **Global Water Agenda** (World Water Forum, Post-2015 Agenda)
- Support the implementation of the governance targets designed for the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (Marseille, 2012) up to the 7<sup>th</sup> **World Water Forum** (Korea, 2015);
- Contribute to the design of **OECD Principles on Water Governance** and **OECD Indicators on Water Governance** to engage decision-makers at all levels, within and outside the water sector, commit to action;

## **Objectives**

Building on the [key highlights](#) from the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of 7-8 November 2013, the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will:

1. **Discuss recent developments in the Global Water Agenda**, especially the road to the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (Korea, 2015) and the preparation and negotiation of post-2015 water-related targets;
2. Discuss the scope, rationale and building blocks of **OECD Principles on Water Governance**, based on the scoping paper prepared by the Secretariat and key messages from the working groups ;
3. Discuss policy messages from the 4 **Thematic Working Groups** on stakeholder engagement; performance and governance of water services; basin governance; and integrity and transparency;
4. Discuss ways forward to build **Water Governance Indicators** to support the effectiveness and performance institutions and governance arrangements at macro, sectoral; institutional and project level;
5. Draw lessons from **regional initiatives** in support of better water governance, in particular in **Latin America, Middle East and North Africa, and Africa**.
6. Share experience on current and forthcoming **water governance reforms, events and projects**;

Monday 28 April 2014

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08:00 – 09:00 Registration and Coffee networking

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09:00 – 09:05 **Opening remarks by the Chair of the OECD Water Governance Initiative**

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09:05 – 09:25 **Welcoming remarks**

- Gonzalo Robles Orozco, Secretary General for International Cooperation and Development of Spain, Director of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (10 min)
  - Federico Ramos de Armas, Secretary of State for Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Environment, Spain (10 min)
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09:25 – 09:35 **Update on recent activities of the Initiative by the Chair**

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09:35 – 10:00 **Launch of the Report “Water Governance in the Netherlands: Fit for the future?”**

Session chaired by Claire Charbit, Deputy-Head, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD

- Key highlights from the Report (10 min)

**Testimony**

- Francisco Nunes Correia, Professor at Lisbon University, Former Minister of Environment
  - Bernard Barraqué, CNRS-France
  - Peter Glas, in his quality of President of the Dutch Association of Regional Water Authorities
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10:00- 11:15 **On the Road to the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum**

**Outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Consultation Meeting (27-28 February, Gyeongju, Korea) and next steps**

- Kyung-suk Lee, National Committee for the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (15 min)

**Presentation of the Thematic Framework of the 7<sup>th</sup> WWF**

- Tom Soo, on behalf of the World Water Council (10 min)

**Group discussion (50 min)**

- How can the OECD Water Governance Initiative contribute to the preparatory process?
  - Which key issues should be put forward in the governance theme of the Forum?
  - Which outcomes should we expect to make the case for better water governance?
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11:15 – 11:45 **Coffee Break**

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11:45- 13:00 **A Sustainable Development Goal on Water?**

**Preparation and negotiation of post-2015 water-related targets**

- Gérard Payen, Member of UNSGAB & President of AquaFed (20 min)

**Outcomes of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals**

- Balázs Heincz, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary (10 min)

**Group discussion (45 min)**

- Which principles and indicators for good water governance should be put forward?
  - How to track their effective implementation?
  - How can the OECD Water Governance Initiative help?
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13:00 – 14:00 Buffet Lunch – Sala Embajadores, José Martí e Inca Garcualso, Casa de América

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**14:00 – 15:15 Measuring the performance of water governance: which indicators?**

The session will take stock of existing indicators and monitoring systems at macro, sectoral, institutional and project level to assess the performance of water governance. Inputs from working groups and insights from regional partners will provide a basis to discuss indicators' strengths, weaknesses, on-the-ground implementation and impact on policy outcomes.

Based on a background note prepared by the OECD Secretariat, the session will shed light on current gaps related to water governance indicators and pave the way for a specific project aiming to bridge them and to develop a set of OECD indicators on water governance.

**Presentation of the scoping note** (15 min)

- Aziza Akhmouch, Head, OECD Water Governance Programme

**Reflections from discussants** (5 min each)

- Simone Grego, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme
- Bruce Hooper, Senior Water Expert on IWRM indicators
- Keizrul Bin Abdullah, Network of Asian River Basin Organisations
- Lucia De Stefano, Botin Foundation (indicators on transparency)

**A practical illustration** of defining indicators for effective water governance (10 min)

- The "National Water Pact", Joao Gilberto Lotufo, Director, National Water Agency, Brazil

**Group discussion** (30 min)

- Which indicators can monitor the implementation of OECD Principles on Water Governance?
- What does already exist and is useful? What is missing and should be developed?
- Which lessons can be drawn from outside the water sector?
- How can synergies be made with parallel efforts?

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15:15 – 15:45 Coffee Break

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**15:45 – 17:00 Water governance in the Middle East and North Africa region**

The session will present the main results from OECD/GWP-Med Policy Dialogues on the governance obstacles to mobilising financing in the water sector of **Jordan** and **Tunisia**. It will discuss the highlights from two reports (to be launched in June 2014) which assess the **governance obstacles to private sector participation** in water services of both countries and provide an action plan with concrete steps to overcome them.

**Introductory remarks** (15 min)

- Fuad Bateh, Secretariat for Water and the Environment, Union for the Mediterranean
- Edouard Pérard, Water and Wastewater Management Division, European Investment Bank
- Anthi Brouma, Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean

**Key findings and recommendations** (20 min)

- Céline Kauffmann, Deputy-Head, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD

**Group discussion** (40 min)

- How to make OECD recommendations happen on the ground in Jordan and Tunisia?
  - Which regional initiatives address issues covered in the OECD reports?
  - How have other countries tackled identified challenges?
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**17:00 – 18:30** **Challenges and lessons learnt for water governance at the international and national level : The case of Spain**

**Chair :** Gonzalo Robles Orozco, SG for International Cooperation and Development of Spain (5 min)

**Presentations** of experience in Spain, Latin America and the Mediterranean:

- *Water governance at the national level:* Francisco José Hijós Bitrián, Deputy Commissioner for Water, Ebro River Basin Authority, President of the Water Committee of the World Council of Civil Engineers (10 min)
- *The Conference of Ibero-American Water Directors (CODIA):* Víctor Arqued, Permanent Technical Secretary of CODIA and Deputy-Director of Planning and Sustainable Water Use, General Directorate for Water of Spain (10 min)
- *International Cooperation: Planning water and sanitation services in El Salvador - The Water and Sanitation Cooperation Fund:* Marco Antonio Fortín, President of the National Administration of Aqueducts and Sewers of El Salvador (10 min)
- *Water strategy in the Western Mediterranean:* Ramiro Martínez, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (REMOC-MENBO-REMOB) (10 min)

**Group Discussion** (45 min)

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**18:45 – 21:00** **Dinner and entertainment at the restaurant La Capilla de la Bolsa**, hosted by FIDEX, AEDYR, and ICEX Spain Trade & Investment, with the collaboration of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Environment of Spain. *Transport to the location will be provided for all participants and leave at 18h45.*

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**08:30 – 09:00** **Networking coffee**

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**09:00 – 12:00** **Parallel working sessions of the thematic working groups**

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**WG n°1 Stakeholder Engagement** [Salón Bolívar]

- Preliminary results from the Survey on Stakeholder Engagement
- Selection of case studies and draft template
- Discussion on the policy messages and how they can feed the Principles
- Discussion on indicators that can track effectiveness of stakeholder engagement
- Identification of the most innovative practices to develop case studies
- Link to the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum session group on the topic

**WG n°2 Performance and Governance of water services** [Sala Cervantes]

- Review and finalisation of the revised version of the scoping note of the working group
- Discussion on policy messages
- Discussion on indicators
- Preparation of the next WG meeting (4 June 2014, Orléans-France)
- Review of on-going activities of IWA and preparation of the IWA Congress (21-26 September, Lisbon-Portugal)
- Link to the 7<sup>th</sup> WWF and coordination with Sciences & Technology process

**WG n°3 Basin Governance** [Sala Borges]

- Progress and events
  - Presentation of the Scoping Note
  - Work done on water governance indicators at basin level
  - Future development: content of water governance in basins, collection and selection of case studies
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**WG n°4 Integrity & Transparency** [Sala Juan Bosch]

- Recent progress and events
- Country cases and knowledge sharing platforms
- Key principles and messages on integrity and transparency
- Update on activities related to developing water sector transparency and integrity indicators, including ongoing work by TI, the WIN and SIWI
- Guidance tool for codes of conduct
- Increase the pace, broaden the base: 2<sup>nd</sup> International Water Integrity Forum 2016

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12:00 – 13:15      **Buffet Lunch – Sala Embajadores, José Martí e Inca Garcualso, Casa de América**

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13:15 – 15:15      **OECD Principles on Water Governance : Getting Started**

**What are OECD Principles and How to Get there?** (10 min)

- Claire Charbit, Deputy-Head, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD

**Report back of Working Groups' messages** by the Coordinators (30 min)

- Aziza Akhmouch, OECD & Alexandre Brailowsky, Suez-Environnement (Working Group 1)
- Pierre-Alain Roche, ASTEE & Tom Williams, IWA (Working Group 2)
- Jean-François Donzier, INBO & Andrew Ross, UNESCO-IHP (Working Group 3)
- Hakan Tropp, SIWI & Teun Bastemeijer, WIN (Working Group 4)

**Reflections from discussants** (5 min each)

- Francisco Nunes Correia, Lisbon University, Former minister of Environment of Portugal
- Lesha Witmer, Butterfly Effect
- Joppe Cramwinckel, WBCSD
- Milo Fiasconaro, Aqua Publica Europa
- Luís Simas, ERSAR - Portugal
- Geert R. Teisman, International Journal of Water Governance
- Esther Suarez, Barcelona Metropolitan Area

**Group discussion** (45 min)

- How to foster a bottom-up, input-based process for developing the Principles?
- Which core governance issues should they address?
- How can this undertaking benefit from parallel efforts & initiatives?

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15:15 – 15:45      **Coffee Break**

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15:45 – 16:45      **Tour de table of water governance reforms, events and initiatives**

Brief presentations (5 min each)

- Conclusions of the **Water Integrity Workshop** – Håkan Tropp, Chair of the Workshop
- Water governance initiatives in **Ethiopia** and **Mozambique** – Teun Bastemeijer, WIN
- Outcomes of the evaluation of water policy in **France** – Roberto Mauri, France
- Recent water reforms in **Peru** - Miguel Angel Beretta-Cisneros, National Water Authority
- Governance challenges of **multipurpose uses of hydroreservoirs** – Laurent Bellet, EDF
- A project **book on water governance** – Naidoo Dhesigen, WRC - South Africa
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Istanbul International Water Forum** – Aslihan Kerc, Turkish Water Institute
- **Adelaide Freshwater Governance 2014 Conference** – Jennifer McKay, Australia

**Group discussion** (20 min)

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16:45 – 17:00      **Wrap up and next steps**

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## 2014-2015 Events including Water Governance Discussions

<b>Date &amp; Location</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Convening organisation</b>
29-30 April 2014 Lusaka, Zambia	1 <sup>st</sup> African Water Integrity Summit	UNDP-Water Governance Facility, WIN, UNDP/Cap-Net, WaterNet & SIWI
13-15 May 2014 Antalya, Turkey	2 <sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Water Resources and Environmental Management	GIWEH
26-30 May 2014 Dakar, Senegal	Africa Water Week	AMCOW
27-29 May 2014 Istanbul, Turkey	3 <sup>rd</sup> International Water Forum	SUEN
May 2014 Beijing, China	International Conference on Water, Energy and Food	IUCN, IWA
29-30 May 2014 Maputo, Mozambique	Africa Rising Conference	IMF, Government of Mozambique
1-5 June 2014 Singapore	Singapore International Water Week	
3-6 June 2014 Orléans, France	93 <sup>rd</sup> ASTEE Conference "Innovating in local environmental public services"	ASTEE
12-14 June 2014 Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	Africa Water 2014 – Prelude to the 7 <sup>th</sup> WWF	WWC
31 Aug – 5 Sept 2014 Stockholm, Sweden	Stockholm World Water Week	SIWI
9-12 September 2014 San Francisco, United States	13 <sup>th</sup> IWA International Specialised Conference on watershed and river basin management	IWA
21-26 September 2014 Lisbon, Portugal	IWA World Water Congress	IWA
5-7 November 2014 Adelaide, Australia	Freshwater Governance Conference 2014	Australian Water Association
12-16 November 2014 Bucarest, Romania	Europe INBO 2014	INBO, MENBO, CEE-NBO
24-25 November 2014 Paris, France	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative	OECD
26-27 November 2014 Murcia, Spain	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mediterranean Forum on Water	IME
15-17 January 2015 Zaragoza, Spain	UN-Water Annual Zaragoza Conference	UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication
12-17 April 2015 Daegu, Korea	7 <sup>th</sup> World Water Forum	World Water Council – National Committee for the 7 <sup>th</sup> WWF (Korea)
25-29 May 2015 Edinburgh, Scotland	IWRA World Water Congress	IWRA

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